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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ENRIQUE J. KLEIN

Application No.: 09/687,606

Filed: October 11, 2000

For: RADIALLY EXPANSIBLE VESSEL SCAFFOLD HAVING MODIFIED RADIOPACITY

Examiner: Stewart, A.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A complete set of pending claims is provided for your convenience in Appendix A attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the full paragraph starting on page 21, line 8, with the following:

Referring to Figs. 21A-21E, a method for plating a typical prosthesis made from stainless steel with radiopaque material, such as gold, platinum, platinum/iridium,

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